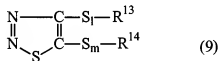
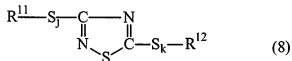


**Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 6-15, 17, 19, 21-25, 27 and 28 and amend claims 1, 16, and 20 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A lubricating oil composition which comprises a lubricating base oil, (A) a boron-containing ashless dispersant in an amount of 0.004 to 0.05 percent by mass in terms of boron, based on the total mass of the composition, (B) an alkaline earth metal-based detergent with a base number of 0 to 500 mgKOH/g in an amount of 0.01 percent by mass or more in terms of an alkaline earth metal, based on the total mass of the composition, and (C) at least one sulfur-based additive selected from the group consisting of (C-1) thiazole compounds, (C-2) thiadiazole compounds selected from the group consisting of 1,2,4-thiadiazole compounds and 1,4,5-thiadiazole compounds represented by formulas (8), and (9), respectively:



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wherein  $\text{R}^{11}$ ,  $\text{R}^{12}$ ,  $\text{R}^{13}$ , and  $\text{R}^{14}$  are each independently hydrogen or a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms and j, k, l, and m are each independently an integer of 0 to 8, and (C-6) sulfurized ester compounds in an amount of 0.01 to 0.3 percent by mass in terms of sulfur, based on the total mass of the composition.

2. (previously presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein Component (A) is a succinimide modified with a boron compound.

3. (previously presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein Component (B) is an alkaline earth metal calcium or an alkaline earth metal magnesium.

4. (previously presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1 wherein Component (B) is sulfonate or salicylate.

5-15. (canceled)

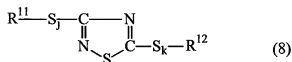
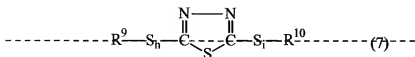
16. (currently amended) The lubricating oil composition according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one additive other than a zinc dialkylphosphate.

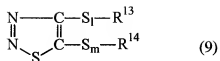
17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 16 wherein the additive is at least one selected from the group consisting of (D) boron-free ashless dispersants, (E) friction modifiers, (F) oxidation inhibitors, (G) boron-based extreme pressure additives, (H) wear inhibitors, (I) viscosity index improvers, (J) rust preventatives, (K) corrosion inhibitors, (L) pour-point depressants, (M) rubber swelling agents, (N) antifoamers and (O) coloring agents.

19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1, wherein the sulfur-based additive is at least one selected from the group consisting of 1,3,4-thiadiazole compounds; 1,2,4-thiadiazole compounds; and 1,4,5-thiadiazole compounds represented by formulas (7), (8), and (9), respectively:





wherein  $\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$ ,  $\text{R}^{12}$ ,  $\text{R}^{13}$ , and  $\text{R}^{14}$  are each independently hydrogen or a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 50 carbon atoms and  $h$ ,  $i$ ,  $j$ ,  $k$ ,  $l$ , and  $m$  are each independently an integer of 0 to 8.

21-25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) The lubricating oil composition according to claim 1, wherein component (B) is contained in an amount of 0.01 to 0.6 percent by mass in terms of an alkaline earth metal.

27-28. (canceled)